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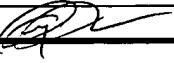
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David M. Britz, et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,240

Filed: October 18, 2001

For: **METROPOLITAN NETWORKS  
BASED ON FIBER AND FREE  
SPACE ACCESS DISTRIBUTION  
SYSTEM**

Examiner: Tran, Dzung D

Art Unit: 2633

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.